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3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 3
- a. ☐ Executed (original or faxed copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting  
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see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☐ Amendment "A" Prior To Action
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11. ☐ Small Entity Status
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Application No. 103 20 031.2-32 filed May 6, 2003
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RE: Proposed Patent Application for Heinfried Hoffmann, Thomas Karte, Jörg Kiesbauer, Ulrich Schulz and Karl-Bernd Schärtner Entitled "METHOD AND DEVICE TO TEST THE OPERATION SAFETY OF A PROCESS CONTROL DEVICE", Claiming Priority from German 103 20 031.2-32 of May 6, 2003, Our Case No. P04,0153.

S I R:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c), I am filing on behalf of the inventors, Heinfried Hoffmann, Thomas Karte, Jörg Kiesbauer, Ulrich Schulz and Karl-Bernd Schärtner, the attached patent application with one set of drawings containing 1 sheet with the single Figle, an unsigned Declaration and appropriate government filing fee.

On behalf of the inventors, I hereby claim priority from German Application No. 103 20 031.2-32 of May 6, 2003.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(b) and 37 CFR 1.53(f).

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